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# **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 9, 2023**

# **SB 880** Senators Sydnor and Carter

# BALTIMORE REGIONAL WATER GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

Establishing the Baltimore Regional Water Governance Task Force to study approaches to water and wastewater governance in the Baltimore region, and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the County Executive of Baltimore County, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before January 30, 2024.

**EMERGENCY BILL** 

Assigned to: Senate Rules

#### **SB 881** Senator M. Washington

# CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND EMPLOYEES – BONUSES – ALTERATIONS

Increasing the amount of certain bonuses for child care providers and employees; requiring the Governor, for each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025, to include in the annual budget bill \$6,000,000 to the State Department of Education to carry out the purposes of the Act; and extending the termination date of certain bonuses.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Chapter 594 of the Acts of 2022, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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#### **SB 882** Senator M. Washington

EDUCATION – ENGLISH LEARNERS AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS – FUNDING AND ESTABLISHMENT (MULTILINGUALISM IS AN ASSET ACT)

Providing additional funding for certain English learners subject to certain conditions; establishing the Dual Language Immersion Program in the State Department of Education to develop, fund, implement, scale up, and sustain the expansion of research—based dual language two—way immersion programs in the State; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, to include \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for dual language immersion grants under the Program; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 5-224 and 5-234(a) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

#### **SB 883** Senator M. Washington

ENVIRONMENT – WATER UTILITIES – SHUTOFF PROTECTIONS (WATER ACCESS FOR ALL PROTECTION ACT)

Authorizing a certain water utility to temporarily shut off service for reasons of health or safety or in a State or national emergency, notwithstanding certain provisions of law; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service for certain reasons; prohibiting a water utility from shutting off service on receipt of certain information; and prohibiting the sale of property solely to enforce a lien imposed for unpaid water, sewer, or sanitary system charges, fees, or assessments except in certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EN, §§ 9-2A-01 through 9-2A-03 - added and §§ 9-658(g)(2), 9-662, 9-663, 9-724, 9-939, and 9-951 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

## **SB 884** Senator M. Washington

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFFORDABLE ASSISTED LIVING ENHANCED CARE PROGRAM

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a Workgroup to Study the Establishment of an Affordable Assisted Living Enhanced Care Program; requiring the Workgroup to examine many factors related to the need for affordable assisted living residences including the number required, locations, services needed, funding sources and eligibility; and requiring The Department to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the Workgroup's findings and recommendations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023 Assigned to: Senate Rules

# SB 885 Senator Rosapepe

PROPERTY TAX APPEALS – COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY – FEES

Requiring certain filing fees when filing an appeal of a property tax assessment or classification of commercial or industrial property with an assessed value greater than \$1,000,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TP, §§ 14-509(a) and (b) and 14-512(f) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules